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SUBJECT: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: EC FONMIN MEETINGS IN DUBLIN AND

LUXEMBOURG: GENERAL

1. ON EVENING OF APRIL 16, WE CAUGHT UP WITH A SOMEWHAT FATIGUED

NOEL DORR, IRISH POLICAL DIRECTOR, FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEFING

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ON DUBLIN AND LUXEMBOURG MEETINGS OF EC FONMINS. HE WAS BETTER

INFORMED ON LUXEMBOURG MEETING THAN ON THE DUBLIN MEETING. SINCE NO STAFF WAS PRESENT AT THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION HERE. THIS APPROACH MIGHT HAVE PRESENTED NO PROBLEM IF MINISTERS HAD STUCK TO THEIR INTENTION OF HOLDING A "SHIRTSLEEVES" MEETING WITHOUT DECISIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, EVENTS (THE ENERGY-CONFERENCE TROUBLES AND OUR APPROACH

H ON VIET-NAM) INTERRUPTED THE IDYLL AND MINISTERS BEGAN TALKING URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT BENEFITS OF STRUCTURE OR OF STAFF SUPPORT. EVEN SENIOR OFFICERS, THEREFORE, ARE STILL FACED WITH A BIT OF DETECTIVE WORK ON THE DUBLIN MEETING. THE LUXEMBOURG SESSIONS WERE IN EFFECT A CONTINUATION, SO DORR DOES NOT BELIEVE HE HAS MISSED MUCH.

W. VIET-NAM: SEPTTEL CONTAINS SOME OF DORR'S OWN COMMENTS.

3. MIDDLE EAST: THERE WERE NO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. IN EFFECT, MINISTERS MERELY ENDORSED STEPS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, WHICH WE REPORTED LAST WEEK. THE EC IS WAITING FOR OUR RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR IDEAS ON NEW STEPS TOWARDS A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. PORTUGAL: AGAIN, THERE WAS NO DETAILED DISCUSSION, AND THE MATTER WAS LEFT WHERE THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS LAST PUT IT. GENERAL THINKING IS THAT NOTHING MORE SHOULD BE DONE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS. THE

PORTUGUESE MAY BE FEELING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PRODDED PRETTY FREQUENTLY IN RECENT WEEKS. THE EC IS THEREFORE INCLINED TO "GIVE THEM A FEW MORE CARROTS BEFORE SHOWING THE STICK AGAIN." WE USED OPPORTUNITY OF THE DISCUSSION WITH DORR TO MAKE THE POINTS ON US AID TO PORTUGAL AUTHORIZED IN STATE 083921.

5. AEGEAN: THE EC PLANS TO MAKE A REPRESENTATION TO GREECE AND TURKEY ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN LONDON 5767. CLEARLY THE IRISH, LIKE THE BRITISH, ARE NOT VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS MOVE. AS THE IRISH HAVE NO REPRESENTATION IN ATHENS AND ANKARA, THE ITALIANS WILL MAKE THE DEMARCHE (AS NEXT EC PRESIDENTS). BEFORE MOVING, ITALIANS WILL CONSULT THEIR LOCAL EC COLLEAGUES TO SEE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH INDICATE A DELAY IN THE APPROACH. IN EC TERMINOLOGY, THIS INITIATIVE IS CONSIDERED "AN URGENT AND FRIENDLY ENCOURAGEMENT" TO DECREASE MILITARY TENSIONS IN THE AEGEAN. THREE SEPARATE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROBLEMS ARE SEEN TO BE INVOLVED: CYPRUS, MILITARY MOVEMENTS, AND THE LEGAL DISPUTE OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. ON THE LAST POINT, THE EC IS ENCOURAGED THAT GREECE AND TURKEY ARE WILLING TO SUBMIT THEIR DIFFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. MOORE

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